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Momentous “March-In” at Valley Forge National Historical Park

Free commemorative event features General Washington, Revolutionary War re-enactors, lantern tours and colonial demonstrations

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. - Gen. George Washington and more than 40 re-enactors will mark the anniversary of the Continental Army’s historic winter of 1777 *March-In* to Valley Forge on Friday, December 19.

“Then as now, soldiers were far from home, facing danger and uncertainty. This 231st anniversary event commemorates the fundamental importance of Valley Forge,” said Mike Caldwell, Park Superintendent.

At 6 p.m., Gen. George Washington will lead visitors and re-enactors from the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, Oneida Indian Nation and First Rhode Island Regiment on a ceremonial “march-in” from outside the Welcome Center Theater. The quarter-mile lantern-lit march will take guests to an illuminated encampment at five of the Park’s Muhlenberg Brigade huts. Re-enactors will give continuous lantern tours from the Theater to the encampment site until 8 p.m.

Inside the Welcome Center, the ‘Colonial Revelers’ will perform period music and the Encampment Store will be open and offering complimentary holiday refreshments, sponsored by The Friends of Valley Forge Park.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park educates present and future generations of Americans about one of the most defining events in our nation's history by preserving the natural and cultural resources that commemorate the encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777-78. To learn more visit www.nps.gov/vafo.